TUNIS LEGION OF HONOUR INFO WREATH CEREMONY INFORMATION

Information here was learned from a conversation with Peter Phillips, who was the International Commander that initiated the Wreath Ceremony at Ottawa. He is now co chair of organizing the event.

ORIGIN

International Association Legion of Honour has performed a Ceremony at the Arlington Cemetery for some 20 years. Ill Sir Ken Smith, Imperial Potentate, 2001/2002, made arrangements through Noble Len Potechin to Veterans Affairs for the IALOH to perform the Ceremony at Ottawa in March 2002, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Peter was provided with the contact at Veterans Affairs as IAHOL wish to be the ones to set up the event, he has the Event booked on Veterans Affairs calendar for May 22nd at 1300, form up at 1230. Now that we have a Unit, that may change.

IALOH has made a long-term agreement for reservations with the Lord Elgin Hotel.

2004 EVENT. MAY 22nd @ 1300. Muster @1230.

Peter Phillips has sent an invitation to all Chief Rabbans to attend, (could bring a crowd.) NSALOH will be informed at the NSA2004 mid Winter meeting, we have heard they already have plans, Gord to confirm.

IALOH requests that anyone making reservations at the Lord Elgin, go through their housing Chairman, Lou Galati. As per their agreement with the Hotel.

Imperial Potentate to attend, travel plans being confirmed.

CEREMONY

To be finalized for Agenda, Wreath Laying, speeches, presentations etc.

i.e.- Imperial Potentate, International Commander, Tunis Potentate to lay Wreath.

Piper, Bugler, Taps, in Flanders Fields

Booklets that explain the writing of in Flanders Fields by "John Mc Crae" and why we have a Day of Remembrance have been received from Veterans Affairs; we hope to obtain enough for each Noble. They will be a great gift for our America visitors.

FLAGS. The four Country flags, at least, will be carried.

HONOUR Guard, will be made up of Nobles attending.

Don Wells is booking reception location.

Piper, John Yourt, will need to confirm his attendance.

Ill Sir Dick has arranged for a Bugler.

OTHER EVENTS

IALOH Convention and Installation of Officers, Louisville Ky. April 8,9,10. Tunis invited to attend. (See attached)

Arlington Ceremony, November 4,5,6, (Tunis invited to attend)

NOTE. If we were to attend the Convention the International Commander would present us with our LOH Charter. Otherwise they will present it at Ottawa in May.

OTHER FOLLOW UP

Ken to obtain a copy of Citizen writer Dave Browns write up on other Ceremonies, he gave a very good report from 2002 and 2003.

Also, Ken to send Peter copies of the booklets from Veterans Affairs and explain what, in Flanders Fields, is all about.

We need to ascertain from NSALOH, what their plans are to attend, busses, reservations etc.

Best regards.Ken